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The meeting was called to order at 11.55 a.m.

Agenda item 12: Report of the Economic and Social Council (*continued*) (A/55/3 and A/55/419)

1. **The Chairman** proposed that the Committee should take note of the report of the Economic and Social Council as contained in document A/55/3, namely chapters I to V, VII (sections A through C and E through H) and IX and the report of the Executive Director of the United Nations Population Fund on the United Nations Population Award (A/55/419).

2. *It was so decided.*

3. **The Chairman** drew the Committee's attention to chapter I of the report and specifically to the heading "Regional cooperation" saying that, if he heard no objection, he would take it that the Committee wished to endorse Economic and Social Council resolution 2000/5, entitled "Decade of Greater Mekong Subregion Development Cooperation 2000-2009", and to encourage, at the global level, support for its implementation, as requested.

4. *It was so decided.*

Agenda item 93: Sectoral policy questions *(continued)* (A/C.2/55/L.32 and L.52)

(b) Business and development (*continued*)

Draft resolutions on preventing and combating corrupt practices and illegal transfer of funds and repatriation of such funds to their countries of origin (A/C.2/55/L.32 and L.52)

5. **The Chairman** introduced draft resolution A/C.2/55/L.52, which he was submitting on the basis of informal consultations held on draft resolution A/C.2/55/L.32, and which had been endorsed *ad referendum* in informal consultations.

6. **Mr. Reshetniak** (Ukraine) said that the Russian version of the draft resolution was different from the English, particularly its fifth preambular paragraph, and, requested the Secretariat to issue a corrected document.

7. *Draft resolution A/C.2/55/L.52 was adopted.*

8. *Draft resolution A/C.2/55/L.32 was withdrawn.*

Agenda item 94: Sustainable development and international economic cooperation (*continued*) (A/C.2/55/L.4/Rev.1, A/C.2/55/L.12, L.13, L.53 and L.54)

(b) Integration of the economies in transition into the world economy (*continued*)

Draft resolution on integration of the economies in transition into the world economy (A/C.2/55/L.4/Rev.1)

9. **Ms. Paiva** (Portugal) said that her country wished to join the sponsors of the draft resolution.

10. *Draft resolution A/C.2/44/L.4/Rev.1 was adopted.*

(e) Implementation of the outcome of the United Nations Conference on Human Settlements (Habitat II) (*continued*)

Draft resolutions on the scope to be covered by the special session of the General Assembly on the overall review and appraisal of the implementation of the outcome of the United Nations Conference on Human Settlements (Habitat II) (A/C.2/55/L.12 and L.53)

11. **The Chairman** introduced draft resolution A/C.2/55/L.53, which he was submitting on the basis of informal consultations held on draft resolution A/C.2/55/L.12.

12. **Ms. Zhang** Xiao'an (China) said that, for the sake of consistency with the paragraph that followed and because it was part of a standard phrase, "non-governmental organizations" should be inserted after "local authorities" in paragraph 1 of section II.

13. **Mr. Reshetniak** (Ukraine) requested the Secretariat to reissue a Russian version of the document that was more consistent with the English version.

14. *Draft resolution A/C.2/55/L.53, as orally amended, was adopted.*

15. *Draft resolution A/C.2/55/L.12 was withdrawn.*

Draft resolution on preparations for the special session of the General Assembly for an overall review and appraisal of the implementation of the outcome of the United Nations Conference on Human Settlements (Habitat II) (A/C.2/55/L.13 and L.54)

16. **The Chairman** introduced draft resolution A/C.2/55/L.54, which he was submitting on the basis of informal consultations held on draft resolution A/C.2/55/L.13.

17. **Ms. Kelley** (Secretary of the Committee), speaking on the programme budget implications of draft resolution A/C.2/55/L.54, and focusing on paragraph 2 of the draft resolution, which requested the Secretary-General to consider further strengthening the United Nations Centre on Human Settlements, drew the Committee's attention to the provisions of General Assembly resolution 45/248, part B VI. As for the request contained in paragraph 10, it should be noted that the adoption of that paragraph would imply an exception to the provisions of General Assembly resolution 1798 (XVII).

18. **Ms. Zhang** Xiao'an (China) suggested a minor drafting change in "human settlements" in paragraph 5 (c).

19. *Draft resolution A/C.2/55/L.54, as orally amended, was adopted.*

20. *Draft resolution A/C.2/44/L.13 was withdrawn.*

Agenda item 95: Environment and sustainable development (*continued*) (A/C.2/55/L.23, L.31, L.48 and L.55)

(f) Promotion of new and renewable sources of energy, including the implementation of the World Solar Programme 1996-2005 (*continued*)

Draft resolutions on the World Solar Programme (A/C.2/55/L.31 and L.55)

21. **The Chairman**, speaking on behalf of Mr. Hanif (Pakistan), Vice-Chairman, introduced draft resolution A/C.2/55/L.55, which was being submitted on the basis of informal consultations held on draft resolution A/C.2/55/L.31 and which had been endorsed *ad referendum* the day before.

22. *Draft resolution A/C.2/55/L.55 was adopted.*

23. *Draft resolution A/C.2/55/L.31 was withdrawn.*

(g) Protection of global climate for present and future generations of mankind (*continued*)

Draft decision on protection of global climate for present and future generations of mankind (A/C.2/55/L.23 and L.48)

24. **The Chairman**, speaking on behalf of Mr. Hanif (Pakistan), Vice-Chairman, introduced draft decision A/C.2/55/L.48, which was being submitted on the basis of informal consultations held on draft resolution A/C.2/55/L.23.

25. **Ms. Kelley** (Secretary of the Committee), speaking on the programme budget implications of draft decision A/C.2/55/L.48, said, with respect to paragraph (c), that, following past practice, the meetings of the Conference of the Parties to the Convention in the next biennium would be taken into account when the draft calendar of conferences and meetings of the United Nations for the biennium 2002-2003 was prepared. The conference servicing requirements for the biennium 2002-2003 of the meetings of the Conference of the Parties and its subsidiary bodies were estimated at $2,913,000 at full cost (at revised 2001 rates). Those costs would be met from a provision to be made under section 2, General Assembly Affairs and Conference Services, of the proposed programme budget for the biennium 2002-2003, which would be not only for meetings programmed at the time of budget preparation, but also for meetings authorized subsequently, provided that the number and distribution of meetings were consistent with the pattern of meetings per year experienced in the past. Consequently, should the General Assembly decide to adopt draft decision A/C.2/55/L.48, the related expenses for servicing the Convention meetings would be addressed under section 2, General Assembly Affairs and Conference Services, in the context of the proposed programme budget for the biennium 2002-2003.

26. *Draft decision A/C.2/55/L.48 was adopted.*

27. *Draft resolution A/C.2/55/L.23 was withdrawn.*

Agenda item 99: Implementation of the first United Nations Decade for the Eradication of Poverty (1997-2006) (*continued*) (A/C.2/55/L.18 and L.51)

Draft resolutions on the implementation of the first United Nations Decade for the Eradication of Poverty (1997-2006), including the initiative to establish a world solidarity fund for poverty eradication (A/C.2/55/L.18 and A/C.2/55/L.51)

28. **The Chairman**, speaking on behalf of Mr. Hanif (Pakistan), Vice-President, introduced draft resolution A/C.2/55/L.51, which was being submitted on the basis of information consultations held on draft resolution A/C.2/55/L.18. The draft resolution had no programme budget implications.

29. **Mr. Ayari** (Tunisia) pointed out that during the informal consultations, it had been agreed that the word "favourably" would be inserted after the word "Welcomes" in paragraph 14 of the English text. A similar insertion was to have been made in the Arabic text.

30. *Draft resolution A/C.2/55/L.51 was adopted.*

31. *Draft resolution A/C.2/55/L.18 was withdrawn.*

The meeting rose at 12.35 p.m.